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Christians for Life and Liberty (CLL)
aka [Columbia Christians for Life](#) ([CCL](#))
Columbia, South Carolina

January 16, 2019 / Correction/Update: January 20, 2019 / Revision: December 2, 2019

[**January 2019**] ([Audio](#) / [Photos](#))

Christian's Testimony Upholding God's Created Order Roles of Men and Women before SC Legislature Committee Rebuked, Called "Reprehensible" by SC House Member (Rep. Ott)

Senate Committee Room 209, Gressette Building, State House Complex, Columbia, SC



9 of the 10 Members of the SC Legislature's [State House Committee](#) (January 15, 2019):

(L-R): Rep. [Timothy McGinnis](#); Rep. [Anne Thayer](#) ; Rep. [Russell Ott](#); Rep. [Chip Huggins](#); Senator [Harvey Peeler](#) (Chairman); Staff person; Senator [Hugh Leatherman](#); Senator [Danny Verdin](#) ; Senator [Vincent Sheheen](#); Senator [Kevin Johnson](#).

In addition (L-R): Senate Clerk Jeffrey Gossett [hidden from view], Senator [Mia McLeod](#); Senator [Katrina Shealy](#).

(SC) [Senate Meeting Schedule](#)
Week of January 14, 2019

Tuesday, January 15
10:30 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- State House Committee
[Agenda Available](#)

Article by *The State* newspaper puts words into mouth of Christian pro-life ministry director which he never spoke:

The State (Columbia, SC)

'Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit** to serve *[sic]*'

<https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article224556525.html>

Jan 15, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]



Columbia Christians for Life director Steve Lefemine testifies before the State House grounds committee Tuesday. He opposes hanging a group photo of the General Assembly's Women's Caucus, saying women **aren't fit [sic]** for office, according to the Bible. Avery G. Wilks awilks@thestate.com [comment, emphasis added]

Correction: The [article](#) by *The State* newspaper repeatedly puts words into the mouth of Christian pro-life ministry director Steve Lefemine which he never spoke. Lefemine never used the word **"unfit"**. Rather, the objection to women holding the office of civil magistrate is that it is **not Biblical**; it is **contrary to the Word of God**; it **violates Scripture**; it is something **not justified by the full counsel of God's Word, the Bible**. Therefore, **it is not God's created order, and it is not God's will**.

'Should Christians Support a Woman For the Office of Civil Magistrate'

By William Einwechter

http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/articles/should_christians_vote_for_women_leaders.shtml

July 4, 2008 [Excerpts]

1. The Biblical Doctrine of the Headship of Man Disqualifies a Woman for Civil Office.
2. The Biblical Qualifications for Civil Office Require Civil Leaders to Be Men.
3. The Biblical Picture of a Virtuous Woman Is Against a Woman Holding Civil Office.
4. The Biblical Lament that "Women Rule over Them" Confirms the Error of a Woman Holding Civil Office.
5. The Biblical Account of Deborah Does Not Imply that Women Should Hold Civil Office.

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"To assert that God's Word permits a woman to hold civil office and that Christians have the liberty to support a woman for the position of civil magistrate means that one has to deny the biblical teaching on the headship of man, reject the qualifications for civil rulers set down in the law of God, ignore the biblical picture of the virtuous woman, and close his or her ears to the biblical lament of women ruling over men. ... **It is imperative that Christians labor to restore God's order for the family, the church, and the state. If we violate God's order in any way or in any sphere, we will have confusion and will invite God's judgment on us.** God forbid that we would ever be so foolish."

[The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters](#)

by Sarah Zes, January 14, 2004

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2009-12-11-Feminism-of-the-Mothers-is-the-Destruction-of-the-Daughters-Jan-14-2004-Revised-Nov-19-2019.pdf>

[Excerpt, emphasis added]

"I have heard it said that the Heroism of the Fathers is the Legacy of the Sons. I would submit the reverse is also true. In our culture, **the Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters.** The most blatant and horrific form of this destruction is abortion the murder of unborn children by their mothers. But **abortion is not the only fruit of feminism.** **Our culture abounds with its fruits:** from divorce, to the existence of daycares, **to women in the workforce and in the military and in positions of authority in the church and civil government** the list is endless. Feminism has become so prevalent that we are influenced by it probably without even realizing it."

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[Audio \(16:03\) from State House Committee meeting, January 15, 2019](#)

Segments include:

- **Senator Katrina Shealy (0:27 - 1:37) describes request to hang composite photo of Women's Caucus in the State House Library**
 - **Committee Chairman Senator Peeler calls Steve Lefemine to speak (3:00 - 3:19)**
 - **Steve Lefemine begins giving testimony (3:19 - 5:55)**
 - **Rep. Russell Ott interrupts Lefemine's testimony; recognized by Committee Chairman Harvey Peeler; Ott calls Lefemine's Biblically-based statements "reprehensible"; Ott claims to be a Christian; claims he has never seen anything in the Bible backing Lefemine's statements; Ott makes motion to limit Lefemine's remarks to one more minute (5:55 - 6:56)**
 - **Committee Chairman Senator Peeler calls for a second to motion; Rep. Anne Thayer seconds; Senator Peeler instructs Lefemine to limit remarks to one more minute [Note: no actual vote from Committee members was taken] (6:56 - 7:23)**
 - **Steve Lefemine continues giving testimony (7:24 - 8:28)**
 - **Committee Chairman Senator Peeler stops Steve Lefemine from giving further testimony (8:29 - 8:33)**
 - **Senator Vincent Sheheen makes point of thanking women legislators for their work and of finding a way to display photo of Women's Caucus (8:33 - 9:22)**
 - **Rep. Anne Thayer's comments affirming women's service (9:32 - 10:26), after which there is applause**
 - **Committee Chairman Senator Peeler - agenda completed, Committee adjournment (15:24 - 15:38)**
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Texts:

Jan 15 (#1):

(Jan 15, State House grounds, Columbia, SC)

Christian's Testimony Upholding God's Created Order Roles of Men and Women before SC Legislature Committee Rebuked, Called "Reprehensible" by SC House Member (Rep. Ott):

- Recognized by the Committee Chairman to interrupt testimony of Steve Lefemine (dir, Christians for Life and Liberty), Rep Ott claimed to be a Christian ([Ott is UMC](#), which [unbiblically allows women to be pastors](#)). Rep. Ott claimed he has seen nothing in the Bible to back up anything Lefemine was saying [*sic*] (regarding [Biblical prohibition of women holding office of civil magistrate](#)). Rep. Ott then made motion to limit Lefemine's remarks to one more minute; it was seconded by Rep. Thayer; and upheld (with no vote) by State House Committee Chairman Senator Harvey Peeler (Shriner/Mason) (who was elected one-week ago Jan 8 by SC Senators to be new SC Senate President).

Today's meeting of the State House Committee took approx 19 minutes, from 10:36 - 10:55 am in Rm 209, Senate Gressette Bldg. This Committee oversees the State House grounds and building. Senator Katrina Shealy (R-Lexington) wants a composite photo of the SC General Assembly Women's Caucus members from 1953-2008 to be displayed in the State House Library. Thankfully, her request was "carried over", apparently because of a legal matter re: SC Code 2-1-240, which calls for a moratorium on new displays, but also provides procedure for lifting the moratorium.

Steve Lefemine was able to speak briefly on his opposition to this request by Sen. Shealy for a state-sponsored public display of feminism and this unbiblical role of women as civil magistrates. For Christians who understand God's Creation order vis-a-vis the God-assigned roles of men and women in the family, the church, and civil government, please pray for our nation. We need more preaching on this subject from the pulpits.

Senate Meeting Schedule <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/meetings.php?chamber=S>

[edited, embedded hyperlinks added]

Jan 15 (#2):

Article by *The State* newspaper puts words into mouth of Christian pro-life ministry director which he never spoke:

'Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit** to serve [*sic*]'

The State Jan 15, 2019

https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article224556525.html#storylink=latest_side

Excerpt from article: "... Lefemine ... passed out packets of anti-feminist literature, expressed his view that the Bible says women are **not fit** [*sic*] for public office, and read aloud from an article entitled [*sic*], "The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters".

Comments by Steve Lefemine, dir., Christians for Life and Liberty:

Steve Lefemine never used the term "**unfit**" - the connotation of that term renders it an inaccurate characterization of the Biblical position taken.

Lefemine did say:

- speaking of **feminism**, it is "**contrary to the Word of God, and therefore is harmful, destructive, and evil, because it violates Scripture.**"

- **feminism** is "**contrary to God's created order,...**"

- "**women holding the office of civil magistrate**" is "**something not justified by the full counsel of God's Word, the Bible.**"

Note: NONE of these quotes use the word "**unfit**" which the article in *The State* attempts to put into the mouth of Lefemine.

Another correction: Lefemine was stopped by Comm. Chairman Senator Peeler (Shriner/Mason and new President of SC Senate) before Lefemine could complete his planned comments, and so did not have an opportunity to read from the article "The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters", by (Christian woman) Sarah Zes (Jan 14, 2004). However Lefemine did read most headings of another article entitled, "Should Christians Support a Woman For the Office of Civil Magistrate", by William Einwechter, a reformed church minister and elder (July 8, 2004), linked here:

http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/articles/should_christians_vote_for_women_leaders.shtml [edited, emphasis added]

The literature given to the Committee staff for distribution to the State House Committee members on January 15, 2019 included printed copies of these two Biblically-based articles:

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By William Einwechter

http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/articles/should_christians_vote_for_women_leaders.shtml

July 4, 2008

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Conclusion

"In view of the biblical evidence presented above, it can be concluded that women ought not to be civil leaders; only men have been called of God to exercise rule in the civil sphere. For those who believe in the full inspiration and authority of the Bible, how can there be any other verdict than this? To assert that God's Word permits a woman to hold civil office and that Christians have the liberty to support a woman for the position of civil magistrate means that one has to deny the biblical teaching on the headship of man, reject the qualifications for civil rulers set down in the law of God, ignore the biblical picture of the virtuous woman, and close his or her ears to the biblical lament of women ruling over men. The example of Deborah does not give sufficient evidence to prove that she held the office of civil ruler or to overturn the biblical doctrine that men alone are called of God to the office of civil magistrate. Therefore, Christians should not support a woman for the office of civil magistrate. It is imperative that Christians labor to restore God's order for the family, the church, and the state. If we violate God's order in any way or in any sphere, we will have confusion and will invite God's judgment on us. God forbid that we would ever be so foolish."

The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters

by Sarah Zes, January 14, 2004

[Excerpts, emphasis added]

"I have heard it said that the Heroism of the Fathers is the Legacy of the Sons. I would submit the reverse is also true. In our culture, **the Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters**. The most blatant and horrific form of this destruction is abortion the murder of unborn children by their mothers. But **abortion is not the only fruit of feminism**. **Our culture abounds with its fruits:** from divorce, to the existence of daycares, **to women in the workforce and in the military and in positions of authority in the church and civil government** the list is endless. Feminism has become so prevalent that we are influenced by it probably without even realizing it."

"This influence of feminism is a serious problem. Because **the Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters**, we daughters who have not been aborted are in just as much danger of being destroyed by **the lies of feminism**. The lies which tell us we should be independent from our parents and out from under their authority, **training for a career or looking for our ministry outside of the context of our home and family.**"

"Daughters my plea is to you. We have been bombarded by an enemy seeking to steal our hearts and turn them away from our parents. **We have been pressured by our egalitarian culture to look for our worth in peers, in education, in careers, and in individual ministries outside the home.**"

"So I encourage you give your heart fully to the Lord Jesus Christ and **to your father** (or if you are married, **to your husband**) and be under his authority. Find your mission in being his helpmeet (*CCL: sic - "help meet for him" - Genesis 2:18, KJB*). Your job is to honor and serve him as your leader, your protector, your head. **The Word of God tells us as women to delight in being keepers at home and to love children. We are to make our father's (or husband's) home and work as productive as possible.**"

"Our obedience or disobedience to the high calling Jesus Christ has given us as women **will affect future generations and even the future of this nation**. Instead of being known as a generation where the Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters, **let us instead leave a legacy of faithfulness** so that we and our children will be more than survivors of our culture of death **we will be conquerors of it for the glory of God.**"

Update:

Note difference below in the article headings of *The State* newspaper, between the [Online edition](#) and the [Print edition](#):

Online edition, January 15, 2019; Updated January 16, 2019:

The State (Columbia, SC)

'Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are unfit to serve [sic]'

<https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article224556525.html>

Jan 15, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

Print edition, published January 16, 2019

[print edition version scanned at link below]

The State (Columbia, SC)

'Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers'

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2019-01-18-The-State-Pro-life-activist-opposes-photo-of-SC-women-lawmakers-Jan-16-2019.pdf>

January 16, 2019

Christians, do you "see" the battle ? It is now *as it has always been* since the Garden in Genesis chapter 3:1 ([KJV](#)), over the authority of the WORD OF GOD. Satan as the serpent in the Garden of Eden said to Eve, "Yea, hath God said, ...?"

The battle continues today. For the Christian, the Bible (66 books, not the [73 books](#) of the false "bible" of the [false religion](#) of Roman Catholicism. [Roman Catholicism is NOT Biblical Christianity](#).) is authoritative; the supreme, final authority of Truth.

The Lord Jesus Christ prayed to the Father, "Thy Word is truth." John 17:17

Other media outlets reporting this story:

Independent Mail (Anderson, SC)

Pro-life activist opposes photo of South Carolina women lawmakers, says they are unfit [sic] to serve

<https://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2019/01/15/pro-life-activist-says-women-unfit-serve-lawmakers/2585436002/>

Jan. 15, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

The Herald (Rock Hill, SC)

Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are unfit [sic] to serve

<https://www.heraldonline.com/latest-news/article224556525.html>

JANUARY 15, 2019, UPDATED JANUARY 16, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

Sun News (Myrtle Beach, SC)

Speaker at hearing who says women **not fit [sic] for office stopped**

<https://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/state/south-carolina/article224633250.html>

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JANUARY 16, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

"Democratic Rep. Russell Ott of St. Matthews interrupted Lefemine to end his testimony."

Charleston City Paper (Charleston, SC)

The Agenda: Gov. McMaster's new budget; **Anti-abortion activist tells women they can't serve in office;**

896 pounds of weed in Hanahan

<https://www.charlestoncitypaper.com/TheBattery/archives/2019/01/16/the-agenda-gov-mcmasters-new-budget-anti-abortion-activist-tells-women-they-cant-serve-in-office-896-pounds-of-weed-in-hanahan>

Jan 16, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

"On Tuesday in the Statehouse, anti-abortion advocate Steve Lefemine argued against hanging a photo of the General Assembly's female lawmakers, saying among other nonsense, that women are **unfit [sic]** to serve in public office, according to the Bible. Source: [The State](#)"

The Island Packet (Hilton Head Island, SC)

Pro-life activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit [sic] to serve**

<https://twitter.com/islandpacket/status/1085917299058520064/photo/1>

17 Jan 2019

News & Observer (Raleigh, NC)

Speaker at hearing who says women **not fit [sic] for office stopped**

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/state/south-carolina/article224633250.html>

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JANUARY 16, 2019 [comment, emphasis added]

Hartford Courant (Hartford, Connecticut)

Anti-abortion activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit [sic] to serve**

<https://www.courant.com/nation-world/sns-tns-bc-sc-legis-women-20190115-story.html>

THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)

JAN 15, 2019

Omaha World-Herald (Omaha, Nebraska)

Anti-abortion activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit [sic] to serve**

https://www.omaha.com/news/nation/anti-abortion-activist-opposes-photo-of-sc-women-lawmakers-says/article_83053509-dfd8-50a4-90a9-9c6bf5db2e40.html

The State (Columbia, S.C.) (TNS) Jan 15, 2019

Bakersfield.com (Bakersfield, CA)

National / AP

Anti-abortion activist opposes photo of SC women lawmakers, says they are **unfit [sic] to serve**

https://www.bakersfield.com/ap/national/anti-abortion-activist-opposes-photo-of-sc-women-lawmakers-says/article_95d771d1-9bf6-5224-9b6c-1e99e91b0c5e.html

The State (Columbia, S.C.) (TNS) Jan 15, 2019

Splinter

Anti-Abortion Weirdo Testifies Against Hanging 'Evil' Photo of SC Women Lawmakers in Statehouse

<https://splinternews.com/anti-abortion-weirdo-testifies-against-hanging-evil-pho-1831779316>

January 15, 2019 [excerpts, emphasis added]

"Today in the bizarre world of state politics, I bring you Steve Lefemine of South Carolina, a man terrified of a photo of women in power."

"Lefemine, the Columbia Christians for Life director, spent his Tuesday afternoon as he spends a great many afternoons, **preaching about Jesus** and, naturally, the dangers of empowering women to be members of the South Carolina General Assembly. He is a goofball and a creep and is not taken seriously by even the uber-Christians that sit in the legislature."

"His latest antics, though railing against the idea of commemorating women lawmakers as a "destructive and evil" symbol of feminism" managed to draw the ire of multiple legislators on the 10-member committee (nine of whom are men), [according to The State](#). Well, at least after they gave him a few minutes to drone on first."

"Lefemine showed up today to oppose a proposal before the South Carolina State House Committee to memorialize the women of the General Assembly by hanging a photo of the current members. In doing so, he passed out anti-feminism brochures, **cited some lines from a 2,000-year-old book about a woman's place in the home, and read from an article headlined, "The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters."** (The headline is a real doozy, but [the blog post itself](#) is like half Bible verses and half incoherent anti-abortion ramblings.)"

"While Lefemine is a buffoon, **his desires are far closer to reality** than any kind of equal representation."

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[Sermon](#) ([Audio](#) / [Video](#))

John MacArthur, pastor: ' [Does the Bible Permit a Woman to Preach?](#) '

1 Corinthians 14:33-38

Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA

Sunday, November 3, 2019

The Cross Is All We Need

Christianity

[Thoughts On The Dangers Of Feminism](#)

- Quotes posted by Anna Wood

July 24, 2010

[[Report](#)]

' [Should Christians Support a Woman For the Office of Civil Magistrate](#) ' [[Print version](#)]

William Einwechter

Minister, Elder

Immanuel Free Reformed Church, Ephrata, PA

July 8, 2004

[The Feminism of the Mothers is the Destruction of the Daughters](#)

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